

O'LEARY WANTS HUNT.

No Wonder the Gambler Wishes the Hyde Park Inspector Made Chief of Police.

For Years He Ran His Great Gambling Plant in Hunt's District,

And Was Never Molested by Hunt or His Men for Violating the Law.

O'Leary Is Said to Have Done a Business of \$350,000 to \$400,000 a Day,

Having Handbooks in All Parts of Chicago with Headquarters in the Hunt Police District.

James O'Leary is very enthusiastic in his advocacy of the appointment of Inspector Nick Hunt as Chief of Police.

Mr. O'Leary knows his friends and sticks to them.

He deserves credit for this and in the opinion of most people, the object of his gratitude is entitled to it.

For years, Mr. O'Leary ran, unmolested, in the police district presided over by Inspector Hunt, the largest gambling establishment in the world.

Monte Carlo, in the principality of Monaco, has never held a candle to it. From this headquarters the greatest system of handbook betting ever known was managed and handled.

The business of this handbook system averaged between \$250,000 and \$400,000 per day.

His influence permeated the whole community and its agents reached every block in the city.

Yet the only time that Mr. O'Leary's palatial gambling establishment was raided by the police was when Chief of Police O'Neill or Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler sent men into Hunt's district from the outside to raid it. This was looked upon by the Hunt crowd as a gross violation of the ethics of official courtesy.

No wonder that O'Leary wants Hunt made Chief of Police.

A welcome visitor to Inspector Hunt's private office in Hyde Park is Mr. Brennan, the distinguished handbook proprietor on Cottage Grove avenue, who was at one time one of Hunt's favorite policemen. Mr. Brennan has also been subjected to official interference from police headquarters down town and no one wonders at the fact that he is a warm advocate of Inspector Hunt for General Superintendent of Police.

Stand up, Inspector Hunt.

Is the Del Prado hotel under any obligations to you?

Is the Hyde Park hotel?

Is the Chicago Beach hotel?

Is the Holland hotel?

Is the so-called "White City" show?

Have you recently, through yourself or your plain clothes men, otherwise your private detail, asked any favor either for yourself or friends from the Del Prado?

From the Hyde Park?

From the "White City"?

If so, did this solicited favor involve the expenditure of money on the part of the Del Prado, Hyde Park or White City, or anyone connected with them?

Why should these concerns be under any obligations to you?

If they were under any obligations to you at any time, either for doing your duty or otherwise, how much of an obligation do you think it is?

Would not that obligation be fully discharged if the Hyde Park, Del Prado, Chicago Beach and Holland hotels presented you with a fine \$900 Goldard buggy, or would you consider such a present entirely too small a return for the favors you have shown them?

If they gave you a \$900 Goldard buggy and you had accepted it, in violation of the rules of the police department and of the common ethics of official decency, would it be because you thought you had protected their interests during the waiters' strike?

Or would it have been on account of any blind pigs that were running around loose?

The Eagle has a basketful of questions to ask you, Mr. Inspector Hunt, but it will commence with the Goldard buggy.

A number of headless persons are saying that Inspector Hunt was presented with that \$900 Goldard buggy by the Del Prado, Chicago Beach, Holland, Hyde Park and other hotel people, out of gratitude for being permitted to run blind pigs. This is, without doubt, entirely untrue, and does an injustice to a worthy man. Friends of O'Leary's candidate for Chief say that the Goldard buggy was presented to Inspector Hunt as a testimonial of esteem and high regard, and as a token of thankfulness for the kind protection afforded these hostilities during the wicked waiters' strike a few years ago.

This is said to be the Goldard buggy to which the horse was attached, when the Citizens' Association recently charged Hunt with main-

taining at the city's expense and for which he was said to have detached a policeman to act as hostler.

But, granting that there was no blind pig arrangement attached to the gift, and even acknowledging that the fine Goldard buggy was given to Inspector Hunt for services rendered during the waiters' strike.

How about the rules of the police department?

Are inspectors permitted to violate rules which are enforced against patrons?

If it is wrong for a patrolman to accept a gift, how about inspectors?

We know that Inspector Hunt is very influential at the Del Prado.

We are aware that he stands pre-eminent with the Chicago Beach.

His standing as a man of influence at the Hyde Park has never been doubted.

Everybody knows just how he stands at the Holland.

No wonder, therefore, that a collection for a buggy would meet with a hearty and a spontaneous response.

Every grafter in the City Hall joins in the chorus that

"Hunt is a good policeman."

Every handbookmaker in Chicago will assure you that

"Hunt is a good policeman."

Every crap-shooter in the city is certain that

"Hunt is a good policeman."

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Chicago's Honest and Fearless Chief of Police.

of dollars, we do not believe. We do not think that he is worth over a million. But then a mere million is a tribute to the zeal, industry, capability and general worthiness of an inspector of police, that must not and cannot be despised.

If ever public office was a private snap it is so in Hunt's police district. It has been one ever since Hunt took hold of it, and it will be a private snap until Hunt gets through with it or the district gets through with Hunt.

O'Leary wants Hunt for Chief of Police. Will he get him?

The Tiger will roam at large in Chicago if Hunt is made Chief.

The Hunt gang did what it could to down Captain Martin Hayes, one of the best men in the police department. It failed utterly in the attempt. Everybody knows what the gang did to Captain Charles Aldrich; the treatment accorded Captain Stephen Wood is well known; the treatment Francis O'Neill received when captain of police

charged Policeman McGrath a short time ago for doing some legal work "on his own time."

If, as it is currently reported, Blind Pigs are permitted to exist in the Hyde Park police district, then a great fraud is being perpetrated upon the city of Chicago, its taxpayers and 6,000 licensed saloonkeepers. Why should the saloonkeepers in other districts be compelled to pay a license fee of \$500 per year and high-toned Blind Pigs in the Hyde Park district sell liquor without any license at all?

Inspector Nick Hunt is always a Republican when the Republicans are in power; always a Democrat when the Democrats are in power—so far as the pay roll is concerned. He is always a Republican with Republicans, and a Democrat with Democrats at all times. So that no matter who wins he is the man who did the trick. This is getting to be a joke.

The idea of turning the whole Chicago police force over to the tender mercy of the Blind Pig Division is abhorrent to all good citizens.

contemplated, the police force grafters may find themselves subject to a storm of public indignation, which may result in something much more severe than dismissal from the force.

The investigation of police graft and police grafters will, if present reported plans are followed out, be carried on without any brass band arrangement, and will be therefore all the more thorough and successful.

Its results will be all the more surprising and beneficial both to the force and the public when they are made known and go into effect.

It is the unanimous opinion of good citizens that it is time such action was taken.

The people demand that the Chicago police force be purged of grafters, and a reproach that has been a stain upon the escutcheon of the city thereby wiped off.

The people look to Mayor Dunne for this reform, and he could do nothing that would please them better or add more to his own popularity.

The spectacle of police officials accumulating great wealth upon very moderate salaries is one to which the public has not been blind. Neither have the heads of successive city governments of the past been oblivious of the incongruity of the thing, but while this extraordinary condition of affairs had been either ignored or winked at in the past, it is reassuring to the public to know that Chicago now has a city administration that will do neither the one nor the other.

Mayor Dunne, it is declared on good authority, is determined that the public of this city shall no longer be amazed and disgusted at open grafting on the police force, with its consequent detriment to the public morals as well as the business interests of Chicago.

It is claimed that information of a definite character is being received, showing that among the methods which are said to have rotted the police force at the top and permeated it to its very roots, paralyzed its efficiency and rendered its name a byword throughout the country are:

Tolerance of blind pigs, which are run in open violation of law without let or hindrance and in large numbers in certain police districts.

The unrestricted sale of liquor to minors in blind pigs and other illegally conducted places.

Handbook making in various resorts said to be favored by certain high police officials.

Overfriendly relations between police officers and prominent gamblers, who pursue their avocations without interference on the part of the police.

Gambling of all kinds from crap games and stud poker to horse racing in "protected" resorts of vice in certain police districts.

Active participation in politics by certain police officials, to the extent of these officials assuming and discharging the popularly understood functions, authority and other attributes of a political machine boss.

Nepotism in the department whereby the best positions in the force are filled by relatives and friends of commanding officers, promotions on merit denied to deserving men that favorites may be boosted to the front, and consequent injury worked to the morale of the department as a whole.

In the prosecution of the discussed investigation along these lines it is pointed out that the following questions could be asked with much pertinence and good results of certain commanding officers and their subordinates:

How long have you been on the police force?

What is your present salary, and what is the average salary drawn by you while on the force?

Have you been engaged in any other business than police duty during the years that you have been on the police force?

What is your estimated wealth to-day?

How do you account for the accumulation of so much wealth in such a period of time on such a slight income?

How many of those resorts popularly known as blind pigs are there now in your district?

How many have there been in operation on the average every year during the past twelve years?

Why have these places been allowed to run, and why have they not been stamped out from the very beginning?

How many handbook resorts, that is to say saloons, stores or other places in which handbooks are made on the races are now being operated in your district?

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How many stud poker games?

Are there any headquarters of so-called gambling kings located in your district?

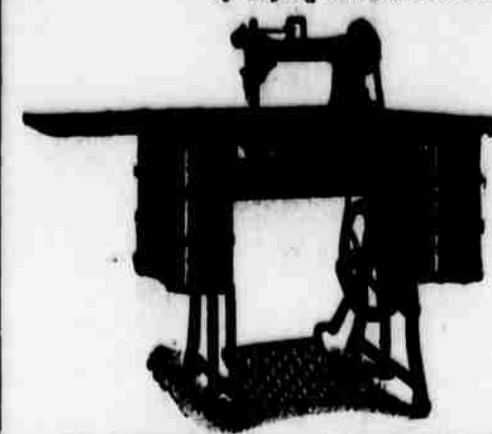
If so, what is the character and extent of their operations, what do their daily transactions amount to financially, and under what understanding of the law by you are they permitted to carry on their operations in your district?

Is there a rake-off?

Who gets it?

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If "Both Hands" Hunt Was Chief of Police.

But from the Citizens' Association and other representative bodies, composed of high-minded Chicago citizens, one hears a very different opinion of Mr. Inspector Hunt.

The average person views with suspicion any public official who is a favorite with handbookmakers, gamblers, crap-shooters and other grafters.

Inspector Hunt's pal, Deputy Inspector Ben Burns, is the subject of considerable comment for a variety of reasons. But people are especially interested in knowing just what official position Mr. Burns occupies in the police department. He is rarely seen in uniform, and yet he exercises a mandatory supervision over the captains of the district which is sometimes distasteful to them. But as Mr. Burns favors his pal, Inspector Hunt, for chief of police, the captains have to take their medicine.

The commonly accepted report that Inspector Hunt is worth two millions

at Englewood is history. The gang is after Lieutenant Sullivan, but so far without avail.

The Hunt gang have it in for Lieutenant Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan is too fond of doing his duty to please the outfit and they do not give that brave officer a moment's rest. Lieutenant Sullivan can stand it. The people will stand up and rain on that Hunt gang one of these days and there will be nothing left of it except a dark stain on the police history of Chicago.

Silvering Errant of the City Suiet Service Commission is a fine duck. He must be afraid of Inspector Nick Hunt. The Citizens' Association got the goods on Hunt when they found a police station janitor doing the janitor service at Hunt's big flat buildings. "The man was doing this work on his own time," declared Errant. "Hunt is innocent."

These men, most, if not all, of them officials of the department, will, it is said, be fortunate if they escape with an opportunity to step down and out of their positions, for if the investigation is to go the extent now said to be

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